

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 7, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS**DIRECTOR: CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI**☒ **Consent** ☐ **Discussion****SUBJECT:**

Approval of the removal of parking along Casino Center Boulevard from Charleston Boulevard to Ogden Avenue and on 3rd Street from Imperial Avenue to Charleston Boulevard to accommodate the Downtown Connector Bus Rapid Transit Project - Wards 3 and 5 (Reese and Barlow)

Fiscal Impact☒**No Impact**☐**Augmentation Required**☐**Budget Funds Available****Amount:****Funding Source:****Dept./Division:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The city of Las Vegas has partnered with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to design and implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system known as the Downtown Connector in the City of Las Vegas. The system will begin at the Monorail station at Sahara Avenue/Paradise Road, extend north along Paradise Road, Main Street, Imperial Avenue, 3rd Street, Casino Center Boulevard, Ogden Avenue, and Grand Central Parkway and finally turn around at the Iron Horse Drive loop just north of Charleston Boulevard. The BRT will provide connectivity for the Arts District, Regional Justice Center, World Market Center, Premium Outlet Mall, Clark County Government Center and the future Union Park and RTC Center City Transit Terminal, as well as on-going Downtown development. Improvements to Casino Center Boulevard and 3rd Street will include: repaving the street, construction of exclusive center running bus lanes, new bus shelters, landscaping enhancements to the sidewalks and the removal of on-street parking. Parking will need to be removed on Casino Center Boulevard from Charleston Boulevard to Ogden Avenue and on 3rd Street from Imperial Avenue to Charleston Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Traffic and Parking Commission: Approval

Staff: Approval

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Map

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-OSCAR B. GOODMAN)

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Minutes:

Under Item 11, CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Director of Public Works, requested Item 58 be pulled for discussion.

MR. KAJKOWSKI explained that MARILYN OEHLER, a resident on Third Street, south of Charleston, requested this matter be pulled so that she could address the Council.

MS. OEHLER indicated that she and her husband own the buildings at 1113 and 1117 South Third Street, which never had adequate parking. Therefore, they have always depended on street parking for their tenants. If street parking is made unavailable by the oncoming highrise at Third and Charleston, she will have to advertise her apartments without parking. She spoke with JOHN McNELLIS, Deputy Director of Public Works, about converting some of her property in the front to parking. However, she needs more time to ensure with staff that it is doable. She requested the Council grant her more time. MR. KAJKOSWKI indicated that this issue just came to his attention the previous day, and that he is not familiar with the property. The project would soon go out to bid for the BRT project, which will require removal of street parking up and down Third Street and Casino Center. He offered to meet with the OEHLERS and try to come up with a solution.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, stressed that the City Council should have been proactive and provided alternative parking.

ANTHONY HODGES, 123 Sir David Way, urged the Council to assist the OEHLERS so that they can stay in business.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE noted that neighborhood meetings on this issue were held, but no one attended. Nevertheless, he was certain staff would assist the OEHLERS. He noted the BRT project should help move people rapidly in the downtown area.